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Amendment A

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2, 7, 12, 15 and 16 as being drawn to a non-elected species.

Please cancel claims 3-5, 13 and 14.

Please consider the following set of pending claims 1, 6, and 8-11, of which claims 1, 6 and 8-11 have been amended, as attached in clean form as well as in marked-up form showing changes in the amended claims relative to the previous version of the claims according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3):

**Clean Version of Pending Claims 1, 6 and 8-11**

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a<sup>1</sup> 1 (Amended). A cannula assembly for circulating blood in a heart comprising:  
an outer cannula including a curved portion and adapted for insertion through an  
incision into a heart chamber,

an inner cannula slidable within the outer cannula, the curved portion of the outer  
cannula directing passage of the inner cannula beyond the distal end of the outer cannula, the  
inner cannula having an interior lumen defining a first interior flow path to circulate blood,

the inner and outer cannulas defining between them a second interior flow path to  
circulate blood, and

a port communicating with the second interior flow path.

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a<sup>2</sup> 6 (Amended). An assembly according to claim 1,

wherein the outer cannula has a first proximal end extending outside of the incision,

wherein the inner cannula has a second proximal end extending outside of the  
incision,

and

wherein the first and second proximal ends are adapted and configured for coupling  
to a pump.

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8 (Amended). An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the curved portion of the  
outer cannula is adjacent the distal end of the outer cannula.

a<sup>3</sup> 9 (Amended). An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the outer cannula  
includes a main axis, and wherein the curved portion of the outer cannula is bent at an angle  
between 0 and 360 degrees relative to the main axis.

10 (Amended). An assembly according to claim 9, wherein the angle is between 0  
and 270 degrees.

11 (Amended). An assembly according to claim 9, wherein the angle is between 0  
and 180 degrees.

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